

## **Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

Date: Monday, January 26, 2009

Location: Village Hall Auditorium

Minutes of the Meeting

### MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall Auditorium

53 South La Grange Road

La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, January 26, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Asperger. On roll call, as read by Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, the following were present:

**PRESENT:** Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo and Wolf

**ABSENT:** Village Clerk Milne

**OTHERS:** Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson

Village Attorney Mark Burkland

Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin

Finance Director Lou Cipparrone

Public Works Director Ryan Gillingham

Fire Chief David Fleege

Police Sergeant Marge Kielczynski

#### 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Asperger extended well wishes to La Grange Patrol Officer Steve Kneifel who has been deployed to Afghanistan.

President Asperger commented on the positive effect of the recently televised broadcast

of “Kitchen Nightmares” filmed at Café 36 in La Grange. In these difficult economic times, President Asperger encouraged residents to shop and dine locally.

In the absence of Village Clerk Milne, due to family illness, President Asperger requested Village Manager Pilipiszyn announce the agenda items.

With an abbreviated agenda, President Asperger indicated that an Open Meetings Training Session would take place after Trustee comments.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None

### 4. OMNIBUS AGENDA AND VOTE

A. Consolidated Voucher 090126 (\$485,045.12)

B. Minutes of the Village of La Grange Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2009.

It was moved by Trustee Langan to approve items A and B of the Omnibus Agenda, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Trustees Horvath, Kuchler, Langan, Livingston, Palermo, and Wolf

Nays: None

Absent: None

### 5. CURRENT BUSINESS

None

### 6. MANAGER’S REPORT

None

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

None

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

## 9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Seeing none, at 7:38 p.m. President Asperger noted a short recess in order to arrange for an informal setting for the Open Meetings Act training session.

## 10. OPEN MEETINGS ACT – TRAINING SESSION

At 7:44 p.m. President Asperger requested Village Attorney Burkland to open the session. Attorney Burkland introduced Attorney Richard Martens who has served numerous municipalities and specializes in municipal law.

After distributing the Guide to the Illinois Open Meetings Act booklets, Attorney Martens began the session by way of example, detailing the happenings at a public meeting whereby it was felt that a violation of the Open Meetings Act had occurred. Attorney Martens explained the items identified as thought to be in violation of the Open Meetings Act and indicated the Court's rulings on the items.

Attorney Martens proceeded to explain the three basic topical exceptions used by municipalities: personnel, real estate and litigation. General guidelines were provided to the Village Board.

Attorney Martens also provided advice on how to avoid unknowingly being in violation of the Open Meetings Act when utilizing electronic mail.

Attorney Martens opened the discussion and fielded several questions from the Trustees. The session concluded thereafter.

President Asperger thanked Attorney Martens and Village Attorney Burkland.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. it moved by Trustee Langan to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Horvath. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approved: 02/09/09